

# ART NEWS FLASH AUGUST 2015

## SCHEDULE AND RULES

The 2015/ 2016 competition year schedule has just been released by the Committee.

The 2015/ 2016 Artistic rules are currently with the NZFRS for ratification.

Changes in the Artistic rules that affect the schedule are:

The pathway stream for National and International divisions has been altered. From this year only the international grades Cadet, Youth, Junior, Senior, Advanced Masters and Masters have been included in the International Divisions. All other grades in the schedule are considered National grades.

In some divisions we have removed the Preliminary grade and widened the age limit for Elementary by one year upwards. Elementary is now for skaters from 11 – under 14 years. Skaters may still enter Intermediate from age 13 as previously. There is no upper age limit for this grade. The reason for this is that Preliminary and Elementary were doing roughly the same content for the same age group of skaters. The aim is to increase the numbers and therefore competition in this age group.

The exception to this is the CSD grades where Elementary remains 12 years and under and Intermediate 13 years and over.

We have added an Open Division in Solo and Pairs dance. In solo dance skaters must be 15 years of age and over. In Pairs dance one skater must be 15 years and over. Once again both Intermediate and Open Divisions have no upper age limit.

All grades will be skated as Male/Female combined regardless of the numbers of each gender. The rationale for this is to encourage competition in all areas. All grades (including solo dance) will have different awards for male and female divisions.

In Quartets and Show skating grades (as specified for domestic competition) there are no lower or upper age limits. However teams who wish to apply for International selection must observe the age requirements for the competition they wish to enter.

In Precision the lower age limit for Masters has been reduced to 21 years to allow skaters who qualify to skate in Adult Divisions to skate in these teams.

I have attached with the schedule a copy of the rules pertaining to grades while we are awaiting the ratification of the 2015 – 2016 Artistic rules

Attached also are the diagrams and notes for the two new dances in the schedule;

“AND” Foxtrot - there is also a demonstration clip of video showing this dance

Federation Foxtrot.

I am awaiting the dance pattern and notes for the Federation Foxtrot that is to be included in the Oceania Solo Dance manual. In the meantime I have attached the ones obtained from the CEPA manual for your information.

I have also attached a copy of the Artistic rules as they pertain to grades FYI

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Yours in skating

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